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Poultry Producer Arrested for Failure to Appear

Suspect Charged with Seven Accounts of Animal Cruelty Re-Arrested Thursday

A Brooklyn, Conn., poultry producer who had 2,551 chickens and two ducks seized from his farm by Connecticut Department of Agriculture officials earlier this month was arrested Thursday at Danielson Superior Court.

On January 20, 2011, Tang Quan "Jason" Lin 36, of Milford, Mass., was taken into custody by the Connecticut State Police and charged with seven counts of cruelty to animals, as well as other criminal charges for violations at Lin's poultry operation, Sunrise Farm, stemming from the Department of Agriculture animal seizure on January 6, 2011.

Lin was scheduled to appear in Danielson Superior Court on January 20, 2011, to answer to other animal cruelty charges as well as violations regarding his poultry operations dating back to August 2010. Lin failed to appear at the scheduled 10:00 a.m. time. The Court ordered that re-arrest warrants be issued for Lin.

"The health and welfare of all domestic animals need to be protected. The Department of Agriculture takes a hard stance when it comes to rogue operations such as Mr. Lin's. This type of operation does not reflect in any way the good animal husbandry practices of the Connecticut farming industry," said Connecticut Commissioner of Agriculture Steven K. Reviczky.

Lin is currently free on bond with a scheduled arraignment date of February 3, 2011, in Danielson Superior Court.

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